

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

Jesse Ketzbeau,

Plaintiff, Case No. 24-11006

v.

Judith E. Levy  
United States District Judge

Curtis Ivy, Jr., *et. al*,

Mag. Judge Patricia T. Morris

Defendants.

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**ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR  
APPLICATION TO PROCEED WITHOUT PREPAYING FEES [2]**

On April 17, 2024, Plaintiff Jesse Ketzbeau, a pretrial detainee confined in Clare County Jail, filed a complaint. (ECF No. 1.) Plaintiff did not pay the necessary filing and administrative fees for commencing a civil action but accompanied his lawsuit with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, which is a request to proceed without prepaying fees or costs. (ECF No. 2.)

A plaintiff instituting a civil action in district court is required to pay a \$350 filing fee plus a fifty-dollar administrative fee before their case can proceed. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Federal courts “may authorize the

commencement . . . of any suit, action or proceeding . . . without prepayment of fees . . . by a person who submits an affidavit that includes a statement . . . that the person is unable to pay such fees.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). Inadequate completion of an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is grounds for denial of that application in the Eastern District of Michigan. *See Shaw v. Oakland Cnty. Friend of the Ct.*, No. 20-12492, 2020 WL 7024912, at \*3 (E.D. Mich. Nov. 30, 2020).

Here, Plaintiff’s application is incomplete. Plaintiff partially completed Question 1 of the application, which states that he is “incarcerated” and “being held at: Clare County Jail Harrison MI 40625 W. Main 255.” (ECF No. 2, PageID.28.) Question 1 also requests that Plaintiff “attach to this document a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts, expenditures, and balances during the last six months for any institutional account in [his] name.” (*Id.*) Plaintiff did not attach any statements to his application. Additionally, Plaintiff did not fill out any other portion of the application to proceed without prepaying fees or costs. (*Id.* at PageID.28–29 (Questions two through eight).) Without this information, the Court cannot determine if Plaintiff is unable to pay the applicable fees.

Accordingly, Plaintiff must submit a completed Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs by **Monday, June 17, 2024**. If Plaintiff fails to comply with this order, the case may be dismissed for failure to prosecute pursuant to Eastern District of Michigan Local Rule 41.2.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 3, 2024  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

s/Judith E. Levy  
JUDITH E. LEVY  
United States District Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court's ECF System to their respective email or first-class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on June 3, 2024.

s/William Barkholz  
WILLIAM BARKHOLZ  
Case Manager